

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) An instrument for providing illumination of intraocular tissue during surgery, said instrument comprising:

a hand held light source, the light source comprising~~///:////~~

at least one light emitting diode (LED), a power source for driving the LED and a control switch for interconnecting the LED with said power source; and

at least one needle ~~having a distal end for~~ supporting the LED at a distal end thereof, a lumen for communicating an electrical connection between the LED and said power source, said power source being disposed at a proximal end of said needle.

14. (Original) The instrument according to claim 13 further comprises a lens disposed at the distal end for focusing light emitted from said LED.

15. (Original) The instrument according to claim 14 wherein said lens has an hourglass shape.